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# LOVE

## Confessions

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"I, a lonely widow, did not  
dare dream of love...  
I was forced to choose  
a man with money...  
until..."

*See-*

### JOHNNY PICKS A FATHER

*Also in this issue-***NO CHANCE FOR KISSES****I WAS A THIRD WHEEL****SPINSTER BY CHOICE**

*Faith Domergue,  
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# Johnny Picks A Father



A YOUNG WIDOW WITH A SMALL CHILD IS FORCED TO LOOK AT THE FUTURE REALISTICALLY! I HAD PROMISED TO MARRY A MAN WITH MONEY WHEN A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER CAME ALONG AND OFFERED LOVE! DID I DARE TAKE A CHANCE WITH ROMANCE OR WOULD I SETTLE SENSIBLY FOR SECURITY? WHICH WOULD IT BE?

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My nose was strictly to the grindstone trying to support myself and my small son!

ANOTHER CUSTOMER INSISTS UPON HAVING KAYE SHELBY GIVE HER A PERMANENT!

I'LL TAKE HER IN A FEW MINUTES!



BUT IT HAD ITS REWARDS!

MAMMA! YOU'RE HOME!

HELLO, JOHNNY! HOW'S MY BIG BOY?



MRS. LOGAN TOOK ME TO THE PARK!

WASN'T THAT NICE OF HER! WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT MRS. LOGAN?



I HAD BEEN LUCKY TO FIND THIS LADY TO LOOK AFTER JOHNNY! SHE LIVED IN THE SAME BUILDING SO DIDN'T CHARGE ME TOO MUCH! SHE OFTEN CAME EVENINGS, TOO, SO THAT I COULD GO OUT!

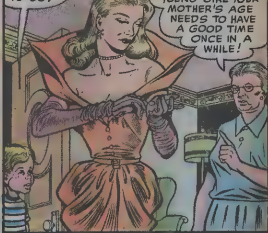
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

OUT WITH MR. HARRIS!



I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO!

YOU MUSTN'T SAY THAT, JOHNNY! A YOUNG GIRL YOUR MOTHER'S AGE NEEDS TO HAVE A GOOD TIME ONCE IN A WHILE!



RIGHT! THERE'S GLEN NOW! I'LL GET IT!

R-RING!



HELLO, KAYE! ARE YOU READY? DON'T WANT TO BE LATE!



AS SOON AS I GET MY WRAP! COME ON IN, GLEN!



GLEN HARRIS WAS A MAN OF MEANS! NOT THE MOST ROMANTIC PERSON IN THE WORLD, I'LL ADMIT, BUT A GOOD RISK FOR A SECURE FUTURE! THAT WAS WHAT I WANTED! BEFORE HE TOOK ME HOME THAT NIGHT...

SHALL WE STOP IN HERE FOR A CUP OF COFFEE? I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, KAYE!

OF COURSE!



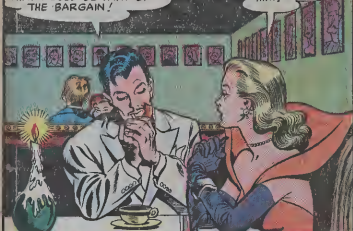
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT US! I'VE DECIDED I WANT TO MARRY YOU BUT THERE'S ONE PROBLEM!

WHAT'S THAT?



JOHNNY! A BOY THAT AGE NEEDS DISCIPLINE AND I WOULD RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADMINISTER IT! THAT WOULD BE PART OF THE BARGAIN!

NATURALLY! I SUPPOSE I'VE BEEN A LITTLE TOO LENIENT WITH HIM!



THEN IT'S SETTLED! WILL YOU MARRY ME, MY DEAR?

YES, GLEN, I WILL!



IT WAS A PROSAC PROPOSAL BUT IT WAS LIKE LIFTING A LOAD FROM MY SHOULDERS! I COULD QUIT WORK AND LOOK AFTER JOHNNY AND HE COULD BE GIVEN GOOD SCHOOLING AND EVERY ADVANTAGE!

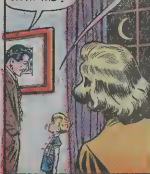
GOODNIGHT, KAYE, DEAR! YOU WON'T REGRET YOUR DECISION!



BUT THE NEXT EVENING, I BEGAN TO WONDER!

JOHNNY, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME AND LIVE WITH ME?

I WOULDN'T WANT TO!

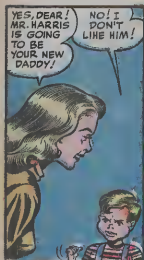


YOU'RE GOING TO! YOU AND YOUR MOTHER, TOO!

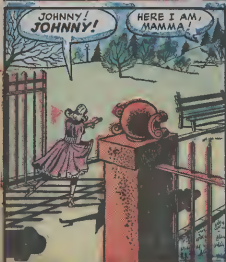
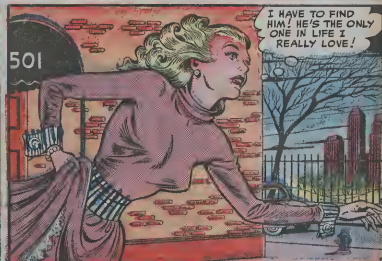
NO, WE'RE NOT! ARE WE, MAMMA?



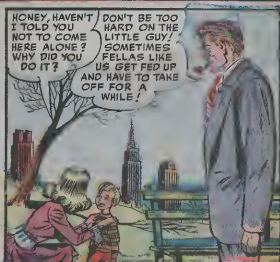
# LOVE CONFESSIONS



JOHNNY GOT WORSE AS TIME WENT ON! AND WHEN GLEN WAS AROUND, HIS WHOLE ATTITUDE WAS ONE OF REBELLION! THERE WAS SOMETHING BETWEEN THOSE TWO THAT JUST DIDN'T CLICK! THEN ONE DAY, WHEN I CAME HOME A LITTLE EARLY...

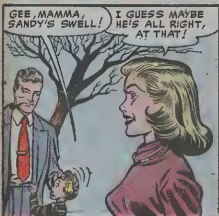
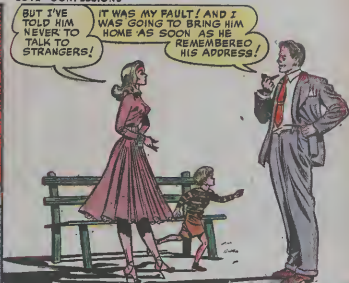


My HEAD REELED AS THE RELIEF OF FINDING HIM REPLACED MY PANIC! I SAID A SILENT PRAYER OF THANKS! BUT I HAD TO SCOLD HIM FOR WHAT HE'D DONE!

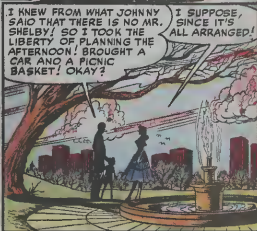




# LOVE CONFESSIONS



JOHNNY INSISTED UPON SEEING SANDY AGAIN AHO, SINCE THE NEXT DAY WAS SUNDAY, I AGREED TO BRING HIM MYSELF! I DON'T KNOW WHY EXCEPT THAT SANDY WAS SUCH A WARM, FRIENDLY SORT OF PERSON THAT I COULDN'T RESIST! WE MET HIM AT TWO!



WHY DID MY HEART BEAT SO HARD AS I SAT NEXT TO SANDY IN THE CAR? WHY HAD I PREVIOUSLY PHONOED GLEN TO SAY I'D BE BUSY THAT DAY AND COULDN'T SEE HIM? WHAT WAS THE MAGNETIC POWER OF THIS MYSTERIOUS STRANGER?





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HERE, BIG GUY! CARRY THIS, HUH?

I CAN CARRY MORE THAN THAT, TOO! I'M STRONG!



YOU SEEM TO HAVE A WAY WITH CHILDREN!

JUST JOHNNY! HE KINDA GOT UNDER MY SKIN! WE SORT OF SEE EYE TO EYE!

*The PICNIC WAS PERFECT AND THE PLACE WAS PEACEFUL! WE ALL FELT FREE AND EASY AND HAD FUN! JOHNNY WENT TO SLEEP AFTER WE ATE AND SANDY TUCKED HIM SAFELY IN THE CAR! THEN...*



I UNDERSTAND YOU WORK IN A BEAUTY PARLOR!

YOU KNOW QUITE A BIT ABOUT ME, DON'T YOU?



KIDS JOHNNY'S AGE TALK A LOT!

SO IT SEEMS! BUT YOU DON'T! WHAT ABOUT YOU?



I'M JUST A WANDERER RIGHT NOW! DECIDED TO ROAM AROUND A BIT TO SEE WHAT I'D FIND!

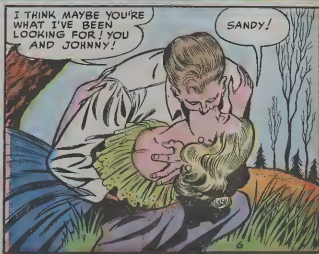
WHAT DID YOU FIND?



YOU!

BUT...

*Before I KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, I WAS IN HIS ARMS AND THEY WERE STRONG AND WONDERFUL! I DIDN'T TRY TO DISCOURAGE HIM BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE THERE!*



I THINK MAYBE YOU'RE WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! YOU AND JOHNNY!

SANDY!

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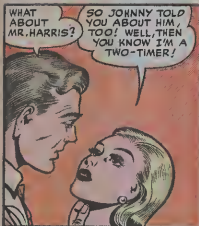


FOR A MOMENT, I FORGOT THE LONELINESS OF WIDOWHOOD AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MOTHERHOOD! I FORGOT MY JOB AND GLEN AND MY PROMISE TO MARRY HIM! I WAS A GIRL AGAIN, BEING MY AGE, AND RESPONDING TO ROMANCE!



THIS WILL SOUND CRAZY BECAUSE WE ONLY MET YESTERDAY! BUT I LOVE YOU! I WANT TO LOVE YOU FOREVER!

I NEED LOVE!



WHAT ABOUT MR. HARRIS?

SO JOHNNY TOLD YOU ABOUT HIM, TOO! WELL, THEN YOU KNOW I'M A TWO-TIMER!



WE'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED SOON!

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THAT SERIOUS! SORRY! I'D BETTER TAKE YOU HOME!



IF YOU EVER FEEL LIKE WALKING IN THE PARK WITH JOHNNY, I'M USUALLY THERE ABOUT FIVE!

I'LL REMEMBER, SANDY! THANKS FOR THE OUTING!

I WALKED THE FLOOR MOST OF THE NIGHT! THERE WAS NO USE TRYING TO HIDE THE TRUTH FROM MYSELF... I WAS IN LOVE WITH SANDY! A WANDERER! A MAN OF MYSTERY WITH SCALE MEANS OF SUPPORT OBVIOUSLY, BUT WHAT?



IF I HAD ONLY MYSELF TO THINK ABOUT, I'D WANT HIS LOVE! I'D TAKE A CHANCE! BUT I CAN'T DO THAT FOR JOHNNY'S SAKE!

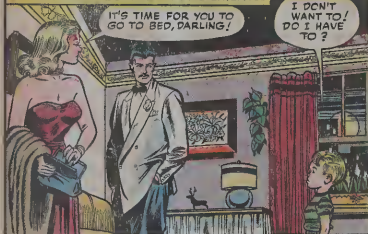


WHY DID I HAVE TO MEET HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE?



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I KNEW I MUST FORGET SANDY! BUT JOHNNY TALKED ABOUT HIM ALL THE TIME! A FEW NIGHTS LATER...



IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO TO BED, DARLING!

I DON'T WANT TO! DO I HAVE TO?

YES, YOU HAVE TO! I MAY AS WELL START RIGHT NOW TO SET YOU STRAIGHT, YOUNG MAN! DO AS YOU'RE TOLD OR I'LL GIVE YOU THE SPANKING YOU DESERVE!

I WON'T DO IT FOR YOU! I'LL DO IT FOR MAMMA OR SANDY BUT NOT FOR YOU!



WHO IS THIS SANDY PERSON?  
HE TOOK MAMMA AND ME ON A PICNIC! AND I LIKE HIM! I WISH...

IS THIS TRUE? DID YOU GO OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE?  
YES, I DID! ONCE! I MUST SAY, GLEN, THAT HE HANDLED JOHNNY MUCH BETTER THAN YOU! THERE'S NO REASON TO BE TOO SEVERE! YOU'LL GET FARTHER WITH A LITTLE UNDERSTANDING!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU! MAYBE THIS WHOLE THING WAS A MISTAKE!  
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! MAYBE WE'D BETTER CALL THE ENGAGEMENT OFF!



THE NEXT TIME I'LL PICK A GIRL WHO DOESN'T HAVE A BRAT TO CAUSE TROUBLE.

BRAT! IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL, I'M LUCKY TO BE RID OF YOU!



I DIDN'T SLEEP MUCH THAT NIGHT, EITHER, AND THE NEXT MORNING I TOLD MRS. LOGAN THE WHOLE STORY! I HAD TO TALK TO SOMEONE AND SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE I HAD!

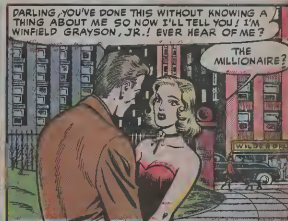
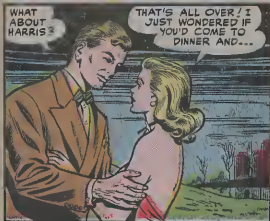
SO THAT'S IT! I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT SANDY! AND GLEN'S GONE!

I CAN TELL YOU NOW, KAYE, THAT I NEVER LIKED MR. HARRIS! BUT I DON'T CONSIDER IT MY BUSINESS TO INTERFERE!

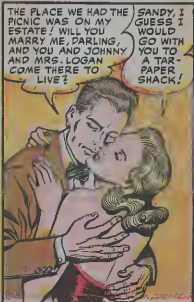




I SPENT THE DAY IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED EMOTION! I WAS THRILLED AT THE THOUGHT OF SEEING SANDY AGAIN BUT DISTRAUGHT WITH A FEAR OF NOT FINDING HIM! I WENT ALONE TO THE PARK AT FIVE!



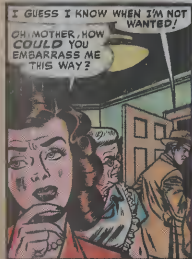
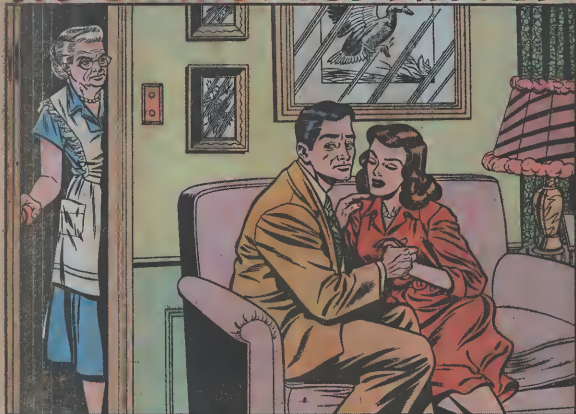
I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE WHAT I HEARD! SANDY WANTED TO FIND HIS HAPPINESS WITHOUT RIDING ON A REPUTATION OF RICHES! THAT'S WHY HE HADN'T IDENTIFIED HIMSELF BEFORE! BUT RIGHT THEN, HIS LOVE MEANT MORE TO ME THAN HIS MONEY!





ONE AFTER ANOTHER, MEN WHO SHOWED AN INTEREST IN ME WERE SENT ON THEIR WAY BY MOTHER! OH, SHE MEANT WELL! BUT WHEN I MET THE MAN FATE HAD MEANT FOR ME TO LOVE, MY MOTHER'S INTERFERENCE TOOK A STRANGE TURN THAT LEFT---

# No Chance for Kisses



IT SEEMED THAT NONE OF MY FRIENDS COULD MEASURE UP TO MY MOTHER'S EXACTING STANDARDS BECAUSE MY FATHER, WHO DIED WHILE I WAS STILL A LITTLE GIRL, REMAINED THE UNATTAINABLE IDEAL!

I'D SOONER DIE AN OLD MAID THAN BE HUMILIATED AGAIN! NO MORE DATES FOR ME!



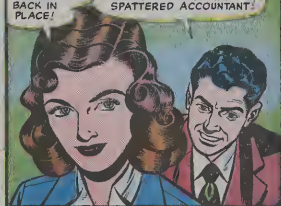
FORGIVE ME FOR LAUGHING, BUT YOU **DO** LOOK FUNNY!

WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SENSE OF HUMOR! GUESS THAT'LL TEACH ME TO SEND THE OFFICE BOY FOR SUPPLIES WHEN I NEED THEM!



YOU GO ON BACK TO YOUR DESK! I'LL PUT EVERYTHING BACK IN PLACE!

MY DEAR, SUCH KINDNESS DESERVES ITS REWARD! SUPPOSE YOU'D CONSIDER LUNCHING WITH AN INK-SPATTERED ACCOUNTANT!



AND LATER...

THE NAME IS PAUL! AND IF IT'S BEEN FUN, WHY NOT MORE OF SAME? ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING THIS EVENING?

IT'S BEEN FUN, MR. LINTER!



MY HEART LEAPED, HALF IN ANTICIPATION, HALF IN FEAR! I WANTED TO SEE PAUL AGAIN, BUT I HAD TO WARN HIM!

YOU'LL FIND MY MOTHER RATHER DIFFICULT! SHE SCREENS MY FRIENDS MORE THOROUGHLY THAN THE F.B.I. INVESTIGATES ATOMIC ENERGY WORKERS!

HA, HA! DON'T TRY TO SCARE ME OFF, NANCY!



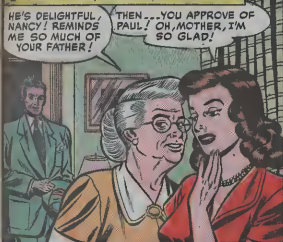
BETTER NOT PLAN ON GOING OUT! I'M AFRAID YOU DON'T KNOW MOTHER.

AND YOU DON'T KNOW PAUL LINTER! AT LEAST NOT **YET!** BUT WE'RE GOING TO KNOW EACH OTHER, NANCY...VERY VERY WELL!





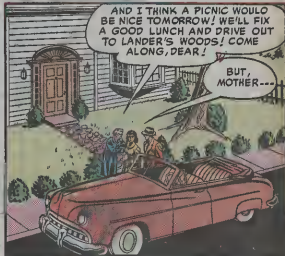
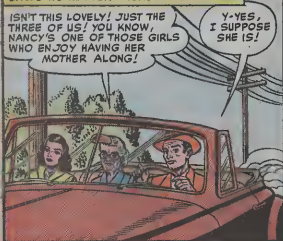
*BUT THAT NIGHT, TO MY AMAZEMENT...*



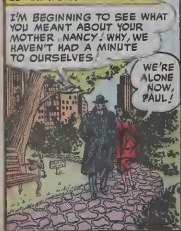
BUT I SOON LEARNED THAT MOTHER'S APPROVAL COULD BE MORE EMBARRASSING THAN HER DIS-APPROVAL! PAUL AND I COULDN'T BE ALONE TOGETHER FOR A MOMENT!



*And NO MATTER WHERE WE WENT...*



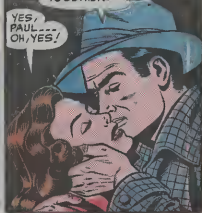
*AND FINALLY, DURING OUR LUNCH HOUR ONE DAY*



I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MOONLIGHT, BUT...I GUESS I CAN TELL YOU I LOVE YOU



I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO NOW, NANCY! WE'LL GET MARRIED AND ALWAYS BE ALONE TOGETHER!



**I**  
LIVED  
ON A  
GLORIOUS  
PINK  
CLOUD FOR  
THE REST  
OF THAT  
DAY! BUT  
THAT  
EVENING  
MOTHER  
AGAIN  
TOOK  
OVER!

WE PLAN TO  
SNEAK AWAY  
FOR A QUIET  
CEREMONY  
SOMEWHERE  
AND THEN---

OH, HEAVENS  
NO! WE WANT  
A BIG TRADITIONAL  
WEDDING, LIKE  
YOUR FATHER  
AND I HAD!



**And soon our heads reeled with plans...  
MOTHER'S PLANS FOR OUR MARRIAGE!**

WE'LL HAVE THE  
RECEPTION AT THE  
CRESTVIEW HOTEL!

WHY SPEND  
MONEY ON A  
HONEYMOON  
TRIP? YOU CAN  
STAY HERE  
AND LATER  
WE CAN ALL  
TAKE A  
VACATION  
TRIP!

I KNOW YOU'LL LIKE  
THE GOWNS I'VE ORDERED!



**PAUL STOOD IT FOR AS LONG AS HE COULD! BUT  
FINALLY---**

DARLING, DO YOU  
REALIZE IT'S BEEN A  
**WEEK** SINCE I SAW  
YOU OUTSIDE THE  
OFFICE?

I'VE ---BEEN  
KIND OF BUSY,  
NANCY!



I'M GOING TO  
FRESHEN UP, PAUL!  
PICK ME UP IN FRONT  
OF THE BUILDING AT  
5:15, RIGHT?

PAUL, YOU---YOU  
AREN'T GOING OUT  
WITH ANNE HAYMES!



IS--- **THAT**  
WHAT'S KEPT  
YOU TOO  
BUSY TO SEE  
ME?

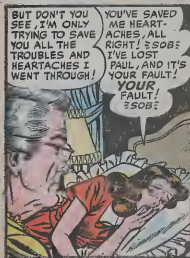
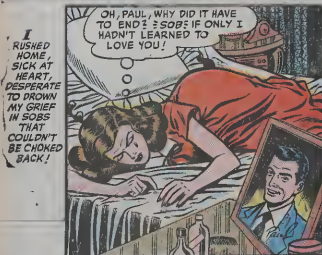
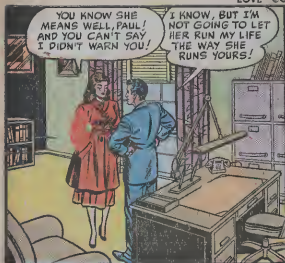
OH, HANG IT, YOU MAY AS WELL  
KNOW! ANNE AND I ARE JUST--  
FRIENDS, BUT I HAVE BEEN  
DATING HER! AT LEAST I CAN  
BREATHE FREELY WHEN WE'RE  
OUT!



YOU SEEM TO BE  
ENJOYING QUITE A  
**BIG** OF "FREEDOM"  
FOR A MAN WHO'S  
ENGAGED TO BE  
MARRIED!

LOOK, NANCY, I LOVE  
YOU! I ALWAYS WILL!  
BUT YOUR MOTHER IS  
JUST TOO MUCH FOR  
ME!







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Then, A FEW WEEKS LATER---

DINNER'S ALMOST READY, NANCY! I'M GOING TO AUNT CORA'S FOR THE EVENING!

BUT WHEN I SET THE TABLE FOR TWO, YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT GOING OUT FOR DINNER!



NANCY, DON'T ASK QUESTIONS AND LISTEN! I'VE BEEN LYING AWAKE NIGHTS, REMEMBERING HOW MUCH IT MEANT TO YOUR FATHER AND TO ME, BEING ALONE!



AND I'VE BEEN REMEMBERING THAT DAD HAD HIS FAULTS, AND WE MADE PLenty OF MISTAKES, BUT WE LOVED EACH OTHER IN SPITE OF THEM!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!



YOU WILL, DEAR... WHEN YOUR DINNER GUEST ARRIVES! I'VE HAD A CHANGE OF HEART, NANCY, BUT... HE HASN'T!

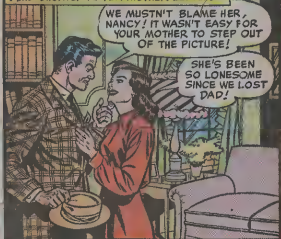
PAUL! YOU'VE TOLD HIM EVERYTHING YOU'VE JUST TOLD ME! OH, MOM!



AND SHORTLY AFTER MOTHER LEFT---

WE MUSTN'T BLAME HER, NANCY! IT WASN'T EASY FOR YOUR MOTHER TO STEP OUT OF THE PICTURE!

SHE'S BEEN SO LONESOME SINCE WE LOST DAD!



NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND, WE'LL MAKE IT UP TO HER! AND THERE'LL NEVER BE ANYONE ELSE FOR ME, NO MATTER HOW MISERABLE I GET!

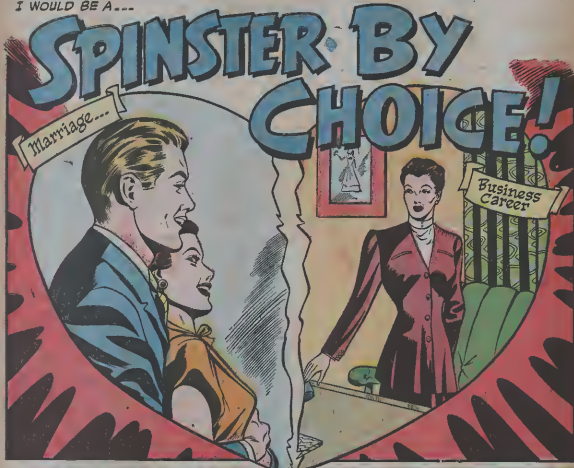
HUSH, DARLING! DON'T WASTE WORDS! WE'RE ALONE NOW!



ALONE TOGETHER! THERE'S MAGIC IN THOSE WORDS... THE SORT OF MAGIC ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN LOVE CAN UNDERSTAND! AND PAUL AND I DIDN'T WASTE A PRECIOUS MOMENT!



TWO WAYS OF LIFE LAY OPEN TO ME AND MY HEART WAS TORN APART BY CONFLICTING DESIRES! MY WOMANLY INSTINCTS URGED A HOME AND FAMILY WITH THE MAN I LOVED! BUT AMBITION AND THE ASSURANCE OF BRILLIANT SUCCESS SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT I WOULD BE A...



ALL A BUSINESS WOMAN, I HAD ACHIEVED AN ENVIABLE POSITION WITH AGATHA HENRY AND ALSO THE RESPECT AND DEVOTION OF THAT GRAND LADY HERSELF!

WELL, AGATHA, I DID IT! CLOSED THE DEAL WITH DREW, INCORPORATED FOR A SPECIAL DEPARTMENT FOR OUR DRESSES!

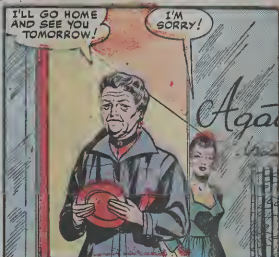
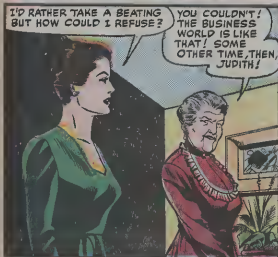
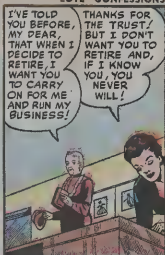
I EXPECTED IT! YOU NEVER FAIL!



JUDITH CLARK, WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU?

PROBABLY GET ANOTHER SALES MANAGER WHO'D BE TWICE AS GOOD!





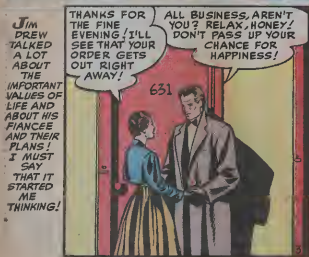
AGATHA HENRY DRESSES WERE EXCLUSIVE AND FAMOUS! AND AGATHA HAD BECOME FAMOUS, TOO, BECAUSE OF HER FINE LINE! SHE HAD EVERYTHING ANYONE COULD WANT! ALL BUT ONE THING!







I'VE LEARNED THAT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT A MAN UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN OUT WITH HIM SOCIALLY! I EXPECTED JIM DREW TO BE A PROBLEM! INSTEAD HE WAS A VERY UNUSUAL GENTLEMAN!

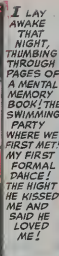




I HAVEN'T THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT STAN FOR A LONG TIME! I WONDER IF I CAN FIND HIS PICTURE!



HE WAS SWEET! WE HAD LOTS OF GOOD TIMES TOGETHER!



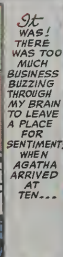
I LAY AWAKE THAT NIGHT, THUMBING THROUGH PAGES OF A MENTAL MEMORY BOOK! THE SWIMMING PARTY WHERE WE FIRST MET! MY FIRST FORMAL DANCE! THE NIGHT HE KISSED ME AND SAID HE LOVED ME!



I'M SORRY STAN'S NAME WAS MENTIONED! I CAN'T SLEEP FOR THINKING ABOUT HIM!



THIS IS SILLY! I'LL GET UP AND READ A WHILE AND IT WILL ALL BE FORGOTTEN IN THE MORNING!

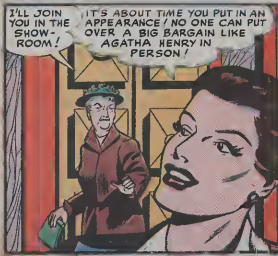


It WAS! THERE WAS TOO MUCH BUSINESS BUZZING THROUGH MY BRAIN TO LEAVE A PLACE FOR SENTIMENT! WHEN AGATHA ARRIVED AT TEN...



WHAT ARE YOU RUSHING AROUND ABOUT?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT A NEW CLIENT IS COMING AT ELEVEN? I'M CHECKING ON THE GOWNS AND THE MODELS!



I'LL JOIN YOU IN THE SHOW-ROOM!

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU PUT IN AN APPEARANCE! NO ONE CAN PUT OVER A BIG BARGAIN LIKE AGATHA HENRY IN PERSON!



DID WE TURN OUT THIS ATROCITY? PUT ON SOMETHING ELSE!

TELEGRAM FOR MISS JUDITH CLARK!

MY AUNT IN SUNNYVALE IS VERY ILL! SHE WANTS ME TO COME AT ONCE!

THEN GO! I'VE HANDLED THIS PLACE FOR YEARS! I GUESS I CAN STILL DO IT!

I HURRIED TO MY APARTMENT AND PACKED A BAG AND WAS SOON ON A PLANE, HEADED FOR MY OLD HOME TOWN OF SUNNYVALE! STAN CAME INTO MY THOUGHTS AGAIN THEN!

STRANGE THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN AFTER THE WAY MY MIND WAS ON HIM LAST NIGHT!

BUT I KNOW I WOULDN'T TRADE MY PRESENT SET-UP FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD! OF COURSE, I'LL WANT TO SEE A FEW FRIENDS! LIKE PENNY!

JUDY! I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD COME TO SEE US! THIS IS OUR BABY!

PENNY, SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!

PENNY AND I HAD BEEN PALS WHEN WE WERE KIDS! SHE HAD INVITED ME FOR A MIDDAY SUNDAY DINNER AND I COULDN'T HELP ENVYING HER HAPPINESS!

YOU MET BERT BEFORE YOU LEFT, DIDN'T YOU?

SURE! SWELL TO SEE YOU AGAIN, JUDY! COME IN!

EXCUSE OUR HOUSE! BUT THIS IS TEMPORARY! WE'RE BUILDING A PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL NEW ONE!

WELL, WE THINK SO! STAN MALLORY'S DOING IT! DID YOU KNOW HIM?

YES! I KNEW HIM V-VERY WELL!

JUDY, HOLD THE BABY! I SMELL SOMETHING BURNING!



STAN'S DONE WELL FOR HIMSELF! BIGGEST CONTRACTOR AROUND HERE! MAKES A LOT OF MONEY!

I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT!



SHE'S PRECIOUS! YOU MUST BE PROUD OF HER!

FINEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO US! HAVING CHILDREN SORT OF CHANGES YOUR WHOLE OUTLOOK ON LIFE!



WHY DID TEARS COME INTO MY EYES? WAS IT BECAUSE I WAS MISSING SOMETHING IMPORTANT IN LIFE? AFTER DINNER, THEY INSISTED THAT I SEE THEIR NEW HOUSE!

IT'S NOT MUCH YET! BUT THIS WILL BE THE LIVING ROOM!

AND OVER HERE'S THE DINING ROOM! YOU CAN'T TELL MUCH ABOUT IT BUT WE THINK IT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY NICE!



STAN! BY GOLLY, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE ON SUNDAY!

JUST WANTED TO CHECK ON HOW THINGS WERE GOING AND... JUDY!



I SURELY DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND YOU HERE! GOSH IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU!

YOU, TOO! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, STAN!



I HEAR YOU'VE BECOME A BIG BUSINESS WOMAN!

I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE BEEN DOING PRETTY WELL YOURSELF!

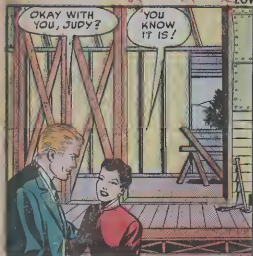


A LUMP CAME INTO MY THROAT THAT I COULDN'T SEEM TO SWALLOW! I HAD BEEN EXTREMELY FOND OF STAN ONCE! WAS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE LOVE STILL LINGERED? I WAS GLAD WHEN BERT BROKE THE SILENCE!

HOW ABOUT COMING TO OUR HOUSE FOR A WHILE, STAN?

FINE! I'LL BE GLAD TO!





OKAY WITH YOU, JUDY?

YOU KNOW IT IS!

IT WOULD BE HARD TO EXPLAIN MY FEELINGS THIS DAY! HALF OF ME WAS MILES AWAY WITH AGATHA AND THE BUSINESS! THE OTHER HALF WAS HERE WITH OLD FRIENDS AND WITH STAN AND LONGING TO STAY! WHEN HE TOOK ME HOME TOWARD EVENING...



I WANT YOU TO SEE THIS HOUSE I BUILT! IT'S THE BEST THING I EVER DID!

IT LOOKS LIKE SORT OF A DREAM HOUSE!



IT'S LOVELY! THE SORT OF HOUSE I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!

I KNOW! THIS MAY SURPRISE YOU, JUDY, BUT I PLANNED IT A FEW YEARS AGO! FOR YOU!



IT'S STILL YOURS IF YOU WANT IT!

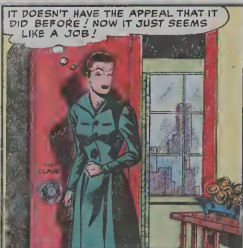
OH, STAN, I CAN'T! I...



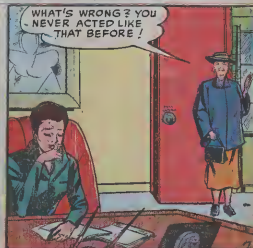
I UNDERSTAND! I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I NEVER LOVED ANYBODY BUT YOU! DOUBT IF I EVER WILL!

STAN! OH, DARLING, I NEVER MEANT TO HURT YOU!

FOR A SWIFT MOMENT, I WAS IN HIS EMBRACE! HE KISSED ME FIERCELY AS IF IT WERE A FINAL FAREWELL! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO LEAVE SO SOON BUT MY AUNT WAS WELL AND I WANTED TO GET AWAY! THE NEXT DAY, I WAS BACK IN THE OFFICE!



IT DOESN'T HAVE THE APPEAL THAT IT DID BEFORE! NOW IT JUST SEEMS LIKE A JOB!



WHAT'S WRONG? YOU NEVER ACTED LIKE THAT BEFORE!



OUT WITH IT, CHILD! DON'T TRY TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM A WISE OLD GAL LIKE ME!

AGATHA, DARLING, I DON'T KNOW MYSELF! I'M ALL MIXED UP!

I TOLD HER THE TRUTH BECAUSE I KNEW SHE WAS KEEN ENOUGH TO DIG IT OUT OF ME EVENTUALLY! I TOLD HER HOW DEPRIVED I HAD FELT WHEN I HELD PENNY'S BABY AND DESCRIBED THE HOUSE STAH HAD BUILT FOR ME!



I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU JUDITH! I DIDN'T THINK BEFORE THAT YOU WERE A DOPE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO BE A BUSINESS WOMAN! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE AN OLD SOFTIE LIKE ME!

LIKE YOU?



I'M CAPABLE OF LOVE, TOO! ONLY I TURNED DOWN MY MAN AND NOW I'M A LONELY OLD WOMAN!

WITH ALL THIS, YOU REGRET WHAT YOU DID?



I'VE REGRETTED IT EVER SINCE! GET BACK TO SUNNYVALE AND THAT NICE MAN OF YOURS! YOU'RE FIRED! I'LL HANDLE THIS PLACE MYSELF!

AGATHA! YOU'RE A WONDERFUL WOMAN!



IT WASN'T LONG UNTIL I WAS BACK IN STAN'S ARMS AND I KNEW THAT I MADE THE RIGHT DECISION! I KNEW BY THE MAGIC OF HIS KISS AND THE CONTENTMENT THAT CAME FROM BEING IN HIS ARMS!



JUDY, WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING AND COME BACK TO ME?

THREE PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE! A MR. DREW WHO HAD BEEN A BACHELOR AND LEARNED HIS MISTAKE IN TIME! AGATHA HENRY, WHO DIDN'T! YOU, BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!



# Be Yourself

NO one could ever have called Marcia Garson beautiful or glamorous. But neither would they have denied that she was attractive in a comfortable sort of way. It was her unaffectedness, the lack of make-up and fancy hair-dos, the casual simplicity of her clothes that gave her a natural charm. Her friends usually referred to her as a "sweet kid" or a "real swell little gal!"

Marcia might have been satisfied to stay that way if her wealthy aunt and uncle hadn't gone abroad for a while and urged her to live in their luxurious terrace apartment during their absence. And that, in itself, would probably not have brought about the change if she hadn't met Barry Mathis who lived next door. That was when she made the mistake of trying to make herself over.

She had been there only two days when she met Barry. She had stepped out on the terrace that night to look at the glittering spectacle of the city lights below when she saw him watching her.

"Hello," he said. "Didn't know I had a new neighbor! Like the view?"

"Oh, yes," she replied with honest enthusiasm. "I think it's simply beautiful!"

"I like it, too," he smiled. "That's why I live up here. You get away from the wear and tear, yet you feel like a part of it in a way!"

They introduced themselves and talked for some time before he finally asked her in for dinner. Then noticing her hesitation he said, "Oh, it's all right! The maid and butler are both here so we won't be alone!"

The dinner was wonderful but the man was marvelous. He was an artist, an illustrator, with a specialty for glamor girls. Marcia later learned that he was tops in the field with a reputation for being the best and highest paid man in the market. He was young, too, and quite good looking. And after a few friendly meetings and several dinners out and quite a number of casual dates that weren't planned but just happened, Marcia's mind went to nothing but Barry and she realized that she was head over heels in love with him. But she knew, too, that she was facing formidable competition.

"How can I cope with those gorgeous girls who are his models?" she asked herself sadly. "They're all so glamorous and I—I'm just plain old me!"

She frequently met him going out with one of the models. She knew that no one would be a better judge of feminine beauty than he. She was also well aware of the fact that she fell far short when it

came to glamor but perhaps it was because she had never made any moves in that direction. She thought it would be worth a try.

So that's what brought about the change in Marcia. She stood on the terrace one night in a highly styled dress, her hair done stiffly but smartly, and wearing too much makeup which masked the softness of her face. Barry saw her from his terrace and stared in surprise.

"Hm! You've made quite a change," he commented. "Now you look like the models!"

"I do?" smiled Marcia sweetly but with her head tilted slightly to strike a proper pose. "Thank you!"

She eyed herself in the mirror later. "Maybe now," she reflected, "I can compete with those others. Up to this point, he's acted like a pal. After seeing me this way, he might get serious!"

But Marcia was due for a disappointment for instead of being sought after by Barry, she scarcely saw him after that at all! When she did, it was a brief meeting in the lobby or corridor and a slight exchange of polite conversation. The good feeling between them was gone.

"Oh, what's the use?" sighed Marcia one night. "I'm sick of all this pretense and I hate beauty parlors all the time and being stuck in these uncomfortable clothes. Where is it getting me? I give up!"

She washed the makeup from her face and put on only lipstick as she had done before. She combed her hair down and donned a simple cotton house-dress and decided, once again, to be comfortable. It was good. She went onto the terrace to let the breeze blow through her loose hair because it was a nice, free feeling. She didn't know that Barry was watching her.

Soon after, when she was cooking bacon and eggs for a simple supper, the doorbell rang. Barry stood there sniffing the air and smiling broadly.

"I smelled bacon and eggs," he said with a big grin, "and wondered if you could fix enough for two!"

"Certainly, if you like that sort of thing," she stammered.

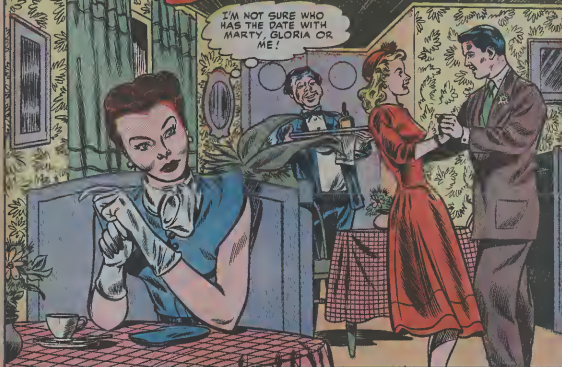
"I sure do," he replied. "And I like you, too—this way. You know, honey, this is the way I learned to love you!"

"Love me?" she repeated with wide eyes.

"I get fed up with artificial women," he explained as he put his arm around her, "but that's my business. From now on will you be my girl and just be yourself?"

WAS I WRONG TO EXPECT A LITTLE ROMANCE FROM THE MAN I WAS TO MARRY? ISN'T IT CUSTOMARY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES TO BE ALONE SOMETIMES WITH THEIR PLANS AND THEIR DREAMS? NOT SO WITH MARTY AND ME! SOMEONE WAS ALWAYS ALONG UNTIL I FELT, EVEN WITH MY OWN FIANCE, THAT

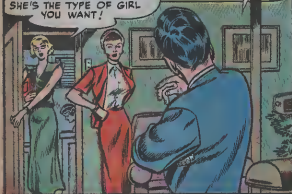
# I WAS A Third Wheel



I WAS A PHOTOGRAPHIC MODEL! THAT'S HOW I MET MARTY!

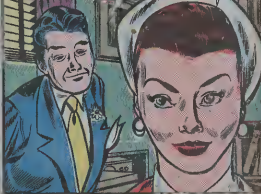
THIS IS BRENDA GIBSON, MR. COLEMAN! I BELIEVE SHE'S THE TYPE OF GIRL YOU WANT!

HMM! NOT BAO!

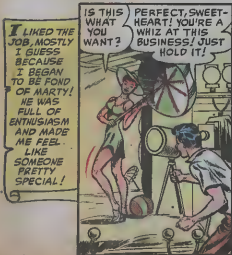
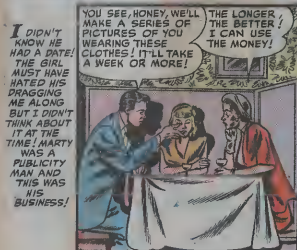


IN FACT I'D SAY JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED TO PUT PEP INTO THIS PUBLICITY STUNT!

THEN I GET THE JOB? GOOD!



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TENNIS  
CAME NEXT!  
THEN  
GOLF/SLACK  
SUITS, SHORTS,  
BOATING  
OUTFITS  
AND PICNIC  
CASUALS!  
WE FINISHED  
WITH THE  
PICNIC  
AND MADE  
IT THE  
REAL  
THING!



HOP TO IT, KIDS! THE  
EATS ARE ON THE  
EXPENSE ACCOUNT!  
LISTED AS PROPS!

I NEED SOME  
PROPS AFTER  
ALL THE POSING!  
BUT I'M REALLY  
SORRY THAT  
IT'S OVER!

IT'S NOT OVER BETWEEN  
US, BABY! THIS IS JUST  
THE BEGINNING!

IF YOU WANT TO  
BE ALONE, LET ME  
KNOW! I'LL GO  
AFTER I'VE  
FINISHED THE  
FOOD!



WE WERE ALONE LATER WHEN  
MARTY TOOK ME HOME!

HONEY, YOU'VE MADE  
A BIG HIT WITH  
ME! YOU'RE  
SWELL!

YOU'RE  
PRETTY  
NICE  
YOURSELF!



THEN HOW ABOUT A DATE FOR  
TOMORROW NIGHT AND A KISS  
FOR THE BARGAIN?

WHY  
NOT?



MARTY'S  
KISS  
MEASURED  
UP TO HIS  
OTHER  
EXCITING  
QUALITIES!  
IT MADE  
MY HEART  
BOUNCE  
AND MY  
HEAD  
SWIM!  
AND SUDDEN-  
LY I KNEW I  
WAS IN  
LOVE AND  
LIKED IT!  
AS I WENT  
IN TO MY  
APARTMENT...

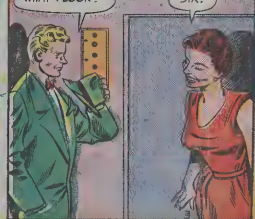
HELLO!  
GOING UP?

YES! THANKS FOR  
HOLDING THE  
ELEVATOR  
FOR ME!



WHAT FLOOR?

SIX!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



THAT'S MINE, TOO!  
WE MUST BE  
NEIGHBORS!

HOW  
NICE!



YES IT IS! BECAUSE YOU  
HAVE THE HAPPIEST FACE  
I'VE SEEN SINCE I  
CAME TO THIS CITY!

I GUESS  
HAPPINESS  
IS A THING  
THAT CAN'T  
BE HIDDEN!  
BUT I MUST  
HAVE  
APPEARED  
COMPLETELY  
RADIANT  
WHEN, A  
FEW  
NIGHTS  
LATER...



LOOK, MY LOVELY,  
I'M COMPLETELY  
CRAZY ABOUT YOU!  
WILL YOU MARRY  
ME SOME DAY  
WHEN I GET  
ENOUGH DOUGH?

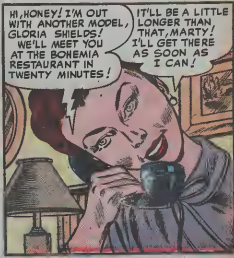
YES,  
DARLING!  
DID YOU  
HAVE  
ANY  
DOUBTS  
ABOUT  
THAT?



I DIDN'T  
THINK  
SO!

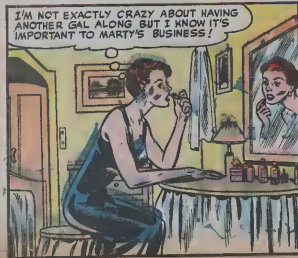
NOW YOU  
KNOW!

MARTY  
WAS ARDENT  
AT FIRST,  
THOUGH  
HE ALWAYS  
PUT ASIDE  
ANY  
SUGGESTION  
OF WEDDING  
PLANS! BUT  
VERY SOON,  
IT SEEMED  
THAT HE  
ALWAYS  
WANTED  
SOMEBODY  
AROUND!  
AND  
ALWAYS  
ANOTHER  
GIRL!



HI, HONEY! I'M OUT  
WITH ANOTHER MODEL,  
GLORIA SHIELDS!  
WE'LL MEET YOU  
AT THE BOHEMIA  
RESTAURANT IN  
TWENTY MINUTES!

IT'LL BE A LITTLE  
LONGER THAN  
THAT, MARTY!  
I'LL GET THERE  
AS SOON AS  
I CAN!



I'M NOT EXACTLY CRAZY ABOUT HAVING  
ANOTHER GAL ALONG BUT I KNOW IT'S  
IMPORTANT TO MARTY'S BUSINESS!



HELLO! WE ALWAYS SEEM  
TO MEET ON THE  
ELEVATOR!

YES, ONLY THIS TIME  
WE'RE GOING DOWN!

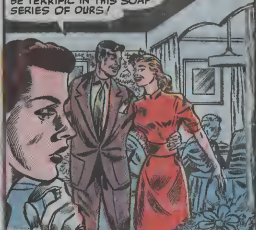
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**I WENT DOWN LOWER THAN I EXPECTED!**

HE'S DANCED WITH HER ALL EVENING! I DON'T KNOW WHY MARTY HAD ME COME HERE AT ALL!



YOU'RE A GOOD DANCER, GLORIA! TOPS! AND YOU'LL BE TERRIFIC IN THIS SOAP SERIES OF OURS!



**ANOTHER NIGHT...**

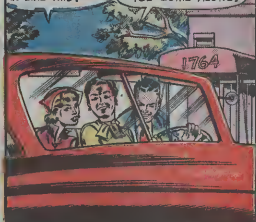
I BROUGHT BETH ALONG! SHE'S THE BOSS'S SECRETARY! HAD NOTHING TO DO!

FINE! IF YOU WANT HER!



IT'S REALLY AWFUL FOR ME TO BARGE IN LIKE THIS!

NOT AT ALL, BETH! WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU COME ALONG!

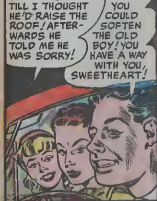


...AND THEN, MARTY, THE BOSS BLEW UP! YELLED TILL I THOUGHT HE'D RAISE THE ROOF! AFTERWARDS HE TOLD ME HE WAS SORRY!

HA, HA! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU COULD SOFTEN THE OLD BOY! YOU HAVE A WAY WITH YOU, SWEETHEART!

ARE WE BORING YOU, BRENDA, TALKING SHOP?

NO! GO RIGHT AHEAD!



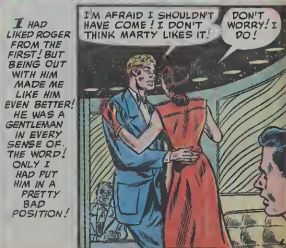
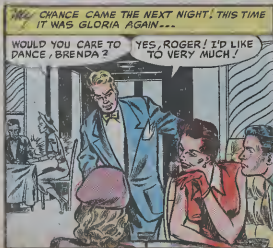
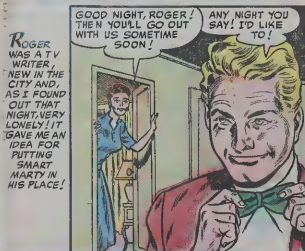
I WASN'T BORED! I WAS FURIOUS! AND THE BUSINESS OF ALWAYS HAVING COMPANY CONTINUED! IF IT WASN'T BETH OR GLORIA, IT WAS RUTH OR DOLORES! ONE NIGHT...

MARTY, WE'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DRAG OTHER GIRLS ALONG?

THEY'RE LONESOME! I LIKE TO BE A GOOD JOE!



LOVE CONFESSIONS





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HERE YOU ARE!  
DO YOU SUPPOSE  
YOU COULD SPARE  
A DANCE FOR ME  
DEAR?

PERHAPS,  
MY PET, IF  
YOU'RE  
REALLY  
INTERESTED!



WHAT'S THE  
IDEA OF  
BRINGING  
THAT GUY  
ALONG?

FOR THE SAME REASON  
YOU ALWAYS BRING  
ANOTHER GIRL! I'M  
SICK OF IT, MARTY!  
I LIKE A LITTLE  
ATTENTION, TOO!



MAYBE THIS WHOLE THING IS  
A MISTAKE! I DON'T THINK  
YOU WANT TO GET MARRIED,  
MARTY! THIS IS NO PLACE  
TO DISCUSS IT BUT  
I NEVER SEE YOU  
ALONE!

GUESS  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT! WE'D  
BETTER  
JUST SKIP  
IT!

*There  
was  
a  
silent  
tension  
at the  
table  
until Marty  
danced  
with  
Gloria  
again!  
I wanted  
to cry  
but I was  
too numb  
for tears!  
And I  
felt that  
I had done  
Roger  
a rare  
injustice!*



I'M SORRY I SUBJECTED YOU TO  
THIS! I DIDN'T EXPECT AN  
UNPLEASANT SITUATION BUT  
THAT'S WHAT IT TURNED OUT  
TO BE!

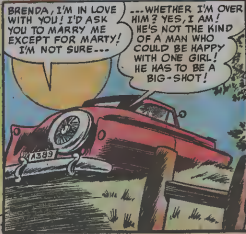
WAS I  
TO BLAME?  
SHALL I  
LEAVE?



YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH  
IT! IT WAS INEVITABLE! WOULD  
YOU MIND TAKING ME HOME?

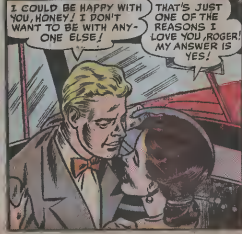
OF  
COURSE  
NOT!

*ON THE  
WAY HOME,  
I TOLD  
ROGER THE  
WHOLE TRUTH!  
I DIDN'T  
HEAR FROM  
MARTY AFTER  
THAT! I  
KNEW I  
WOULDN'T!  
BUT ROGER  
WAS  
CONSIDERATE  
AND KIND -  
AND TOOK  
ME OUT  
OFTEN! AND  
FINALLY...*



BRENDA, I'M IN LOVE  
WITH YOU! I'D ASK  
YOU TO MARRY ME  
EXCEPT FOR MARTY!  
I'M NOT SURE...

...WHETHER I'M OVER  
HIM? YES, I AM!  
HE'S NOT THE KIND  
OF A MAN WHO  
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